

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

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HHC, U.S. Army Garrison,  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211

STIPULATION OF  
EXPECTED TESTIMONY

*Charged Cables*  
AMB Stephen Seche

DATED: 27 June 2013

(U) It is hereby agreed by the Accused, Defense Counsel, and Trial Counsel, that if Ambassador (AMB) Stephen Seche were present to testify during the merits and pre-sentencing phases of this court-martial, he would testify substantially as follows:

1. (U) The United States Department of State (DoS) is led by the Secretary of State. There are six Under Secretary Offices that work for the Secretary of State. One of those Under Secretaries is for Political Affairs. The Under Secretary of Political Affairs serves as the day-to-day manager of overall regional and bilateral policy issues. The Under Secretary of Political Affairs oversees seven bureaus which are headed by Assistant Secretaries. Those bureaus are African Affairs, European and Eurasian Affairs, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Near Eastern Affairs, South and Central Asian Affairs, Western Hemisphere Affairs, and International Organizations. The Assistant Secretaries of the geographic bureaus and offices advise the Under Secretary and guide the operation of the US diplomatic missions within their regional jurisdiction. Each bureau has a Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) and several Deputy Assistant Secretaries. The PDAS is the lead Deputy Assistant Secretary, all of which assist in the development and management of US policy concerning the Bureau.

2. (U) I recently retired after thirty-five years of service in the DoS. I am a career Foreign Service Officer and have spent most of my DoS career engaged in the practice of public diplomacy. My last position at the DoS was serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Arabian Gulf in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs from August 2011 to May 2013. Before that, I served as US Ambassador to Yemen from August 2007 to August 2010. I spent the intervening year as a research associate at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy. During the 2006 to 2007 academic year, I was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Southern California, where I taught in the recently established master's degree program in public diplomacy. From February 2005 to August 2006, I served as Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Damascus, Syria, following the departure of the Ambassador in the wake of the murder of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Before that, I was the Deputy of Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Damascus, Syria, for the six months. This was my second tour in Damascus. From 1999 to 2002, I was Counselor for Public Affairs and Director of the American Cultural Center. I spent the two years between my Damascus assignments as Director of the Office for Egypt and Levant Affairs at the DoS in Washington, D.C. I entered the Foreign Service in 1978 and spent the first seven years of my career in public diplomacy positions in Guatemala, Peru, and Bolivia. Other overseas assignments have included four years (1989-1993) as Information Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, and four years (1993-1997) as Press Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India. Following my service in India, I returned to Washington for the first of two years of Arabic language training, completing the



program at the Foreign Service Institute's Field School in Tunis. I received my B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and spent four years as a journalist before entering the Foreign Service.

3. (U) The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA) deals with U.S. Foreign policy and U.S. diplomatic relations with Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Regional policy issues that NEA handles include Iraq, Middle East peace, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, and political and economic reform. Key regional topics include: (1) Helping Iraqis build a unified, stable, and prosperous country; (2) Renewing progress toward the two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict; (3) Working against terrorists and their state sponsors, as well as against the spread of weapons of mass destruction; and (4) Supporting efforts at economic and political reform in the region.

4. (U) The embassies communicate what is occurring in the host nations through many different means. Issuing a cable is an official communication by the Embassy or organization. Typically, the Ambassador or Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) sign off as the originator on the cables because they contain the official position of the embassy or organization. Generally, cables are issued to summarize meetings and note significant events in the host country, and often contain the analysis and comment of the author. The cables are issued via the distribution captions, one of which is SIPDIS. The SIPDIS caption indicates that a cable is approved for SIPRNET distribution for access by appropriately cleared individuals across numerous US government agencies and departments. Classified cables containing the SIPDIS caption are available to all users of SIPRNET and JWICS to share information with interested agencies and departments in the United States government. Originators could limit distribution to DoS personnel only (STADIS) or even limit distribution to the recipient of the document (NODIS).

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